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SAM NEWHOUSE, REPORTER

The heavy rain Philly felt Wednesday, a side effect of Hurricane Irma, may have put a dampener on some of the days events, but there was still plenty of news. A new Afro pick sculpture next to the Rizzo statue, part of Monument Lab, raised eyebrows, while a pep rally for the Hero Thrill Show cheered children excited to see the annual charitable performance. Read about all of it inside and at **metrophilly.us.**

TRUMP SAYS TAX HIKE ON THE RICH IS POSSIBLE

1 President Trump said the rich might see a hike in taxes as he pursues a major tax overhaul with outreach to Democrats who oppose cutting rates for the wealthy, while Republicans in Congress set a timetable to unveil their plan. The White House and the Republican-led Congress have not put forth a detailed tax plan despite months of talks that have excluded Democrats. Paul Ryan said an outline would be unveiled during the work week beginning Sept. 25, with congressional tax-writing committees crafting detailed legislation in the subsequent weeks. Democrats have criticized the Republican tax overhaul efforts as benefiting mainly the wealthiest Americans. Trump said the rich would not be making gains with the plan, which he said was geared toward providing the largest tax cut ever for the middle class and creating jobs.

NORTH KOREA DEFIANT OVER UN SANCTIONS

2 North Korea showed trademark defiance on Wednesday over new U.N. sanctions imposed after its sixth and largest nuclear test, vowing to redouble efforts to fight off what it said was the threat of a U.S. invasion. President Donald Trump said Monday's sanctions, unanimously agreed on Monday by the 15-member U.N. Security Council, were just a small step towards what is ultimately needed

to rein in Pyongyang over its nuclear and missile programs. The North's Foreign Ministry said the resolutions were an infringement on its legitimate right to self-defense and aimed at "completely suffocating its state and people through full-scale economic blockade."

FLORIDA RECOVERS

3 Jose Orosz walks his dog Karen by a beachfront home destroyed by Hurricane Irma in Vilano Beach, Florida.

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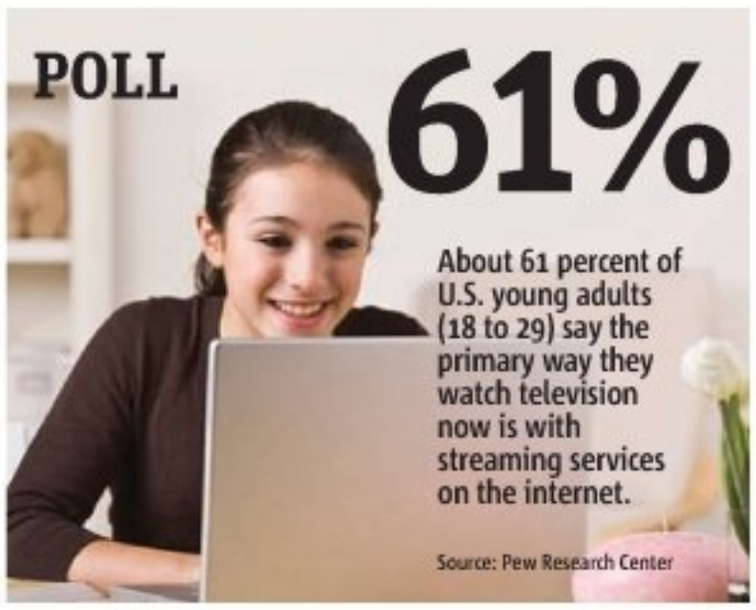
GOVERNOR VOWS PROBE OF NURSING HOME DEATHS

4 Florida Gov. Rick Scott vowed on Wednesday that the state would aggressively investigate how six people died at a nursing home that lost power when Hurricane Irma rampaged through the region, as millions coped with another day without electricity. The death toll from the storm approached 80 as officials continued to assess the damage after Irma powered through the Caribbean as one of the most powerful Atlantic hurricanes on record and slammed into the Florida Keys archipelago with sustained winds of up to 130 miles per hour. Irma killed at least 36 people in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, according to officials. Some 4.2 million homes and businesses, or about nine million people, were without power on Wednesday in Florida and nearby states.

BITCOIN SLIDES ON 'FRAUD' WARNING

5 Bitcoin slid by more than 10 percent on Wednesday, as investors sold the cryptocurrency after a warning by JPMorgan Chief Executive Jamie Dimon that it "is a fraud" and will eventually "blow up." Bitcoin, the original and still the biggest cryptocurrency, has been on a tear in recent months, hitting a record high just below $5,000 at the start of September after a more than fivefold increase in price since the start of the year. But bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies have been falling since early last week, when China banned the issuance of new digital coins for fundraising purposes — a phenomenon known as initial coin offerings, or ICOs. ICOs have fueled a rapid ascent in the value of all cryptocurrencies, from about $17 billion at the start of the year to a record high close to $180 billion at the beginning of September.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About 61 percent of U.S. young adults (18 to 29) say the primary way they watch television now is with streaming services on the internet.
Source: Pew Research Center

Jefferson Health Welcomes CCP, Broadens Patient Access to Cardiovascular Care

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Jefferson Health is delighted to announce that the Center City Division of Cardiology Consultants of Philadelphia (CCP) has joined us to deliver cardiovascular services to more patients in the Philadelphia Area. As a member of Jefferson, the group has revised its name to **Cardiology Consultants of Philadelphia at Jefferson (CCP at Jefferson).**

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"This represents a watershed moment at Jefferson as we will be the primary academic medical partner for the CCP practice in the city," said Gregory C. Kane, MD, FACP, and Chairman of the Department of Medicine of Thomas Jefferson University. "As we build scope and breadth of our tertiary and quaternary cardiac care services, the addition of CCP physicians to Jefferson will greatly impact our ability to offer comprehensive cardiac care to patients throughout the region."

"By joining forces with Jefferson, we are able to offer patients access to some of the most sophisticated cardiac care in the region," said Mark F. Victor, MD, FACC, and Chief Executive Officer of CCP. "This partnership is evidence of our quest to find more meaningful ways for CCP to improve the health of the communities we serve. We are excited to join Jefferson and connect our patients with the expertise and resources of a highly respected academic medical center with a rich legacy."

CCP is one of the largest independent cardiology groups in the U.S. Its medical staff includes experts in every aspect of cardiovascular care. Many CCP specialists are also certified in a variety of subspecialties, enabling them to perform a full complement of tests and procedures for the benefit of patients.

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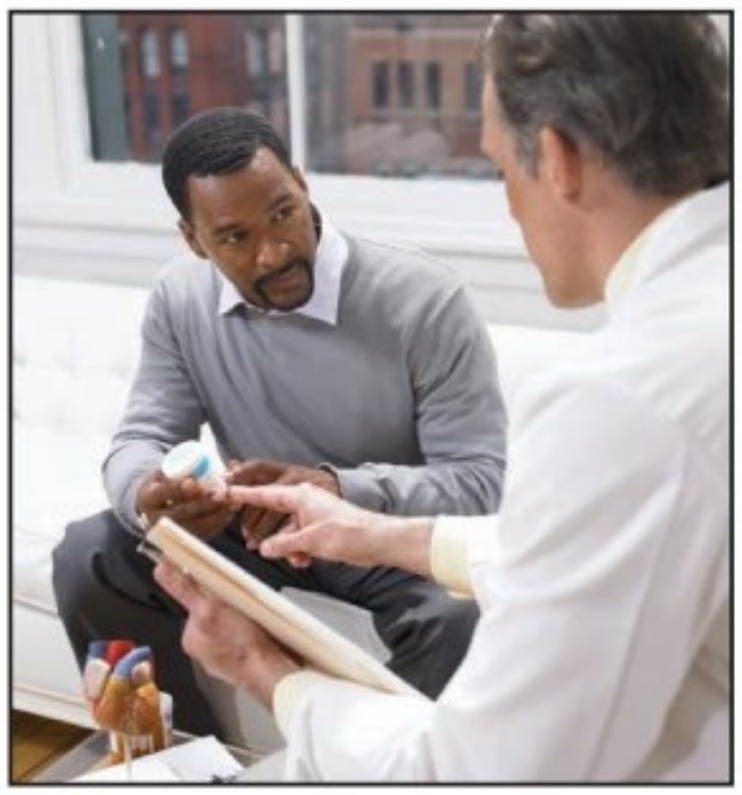

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The temporary new Afro pick statue. @ STREETSDEPT FOR MONUMENT LAB

Yes, that's an Afro pick next to the Frank Rizzo statue

Empowering new art installation is part of Monument Lab series.

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The Frank Rizzo statue may still be standing, but the cop who became mayor might be a little surprised by his neighbor, a 12-foot-tall sculpture of an Afro pick with a Black Power-style raised fist at its end.

The sculpture was installed as part of Monument Lab, a Philadelphia art festival that is installing new public art installations around the city while inviting residents to participate in discussions about the significance and purpose behind monuments around the city.

The Afro pick statue is titled "All Power to All People" and is by the artist Hank Willis Thomas. It was installed on Thomas Paine Plaza Tuesday night as a "prototype monument" and had already kicked up a whirlwind of interest from the public by Wednesday morning, the day the project launched.

Many cheered the Afro pick as a symbol of defiance against Rizzo, the former mayor and police commissioner who was criticized for his conduct toward the black community and whose monument stands about 100 feet from the pick.

Since a wave of outrage over statues hit the country after a massive alt-right and white supremacist rally in Charlottesville around a Civil War statue, the Rizzo statue has become a target in Philly, with various individuals egging it and spray-painting it, leading to it being fenced off and detailed with police officers for protection.

City Council on Thursday is expected to hear public requests that the statue to Rizzo be removed from the front of the Municipal Services Building, where it stands across the street from City Hall.

But not everyone loved the Afro pick.

Elizabeth Wellington wrote for the Inquirer that the sculpture is "a letdown," as its placement appeared to her to be subordinating the pick to Rizzo.

"The statue of Rizzo remains like a god to those who worship him and a menace those who fear him. The sculpture of the pick … appears small and afraid," she wrote.

Monument Lab, sponsored by the Mural Arts Program, will be holding a citywide conversation from Sept. 16 to Nov. 19 about the nature of monuments.

Public art installations around Philadelphia as part of Monument Lab include projects in Malcolm X Park, in Washington, Logan, Franklin and Rittenhouse squares, and all around Center City.

To learn more, visit monumentlab.muralarts.org.

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'PHARMA BRO' IN JAIL

Shkreli ordered jailed for online bounty on Hillary Clinton's hair

A U.S. judge on Wednesday ordered Martin Shkreli to be jailed while he awaits sentencing for securities fraud, citing a Facebook post in which the former drug company executive nicknamed the "Pharma Bro" offered a $5,000 reward for a strand of Hillary Clinton's hair.

U.S. District Judge Kiyo Matsumoto in Brooklyn said the Sept. 4 post, which prompted a call from the U.S. Secret Service, showed Shkreli posed a danger to the public that warranted revoking his $5 million bail. U.S. prosecutors had moved to jail Shkreli last Thursday.

Shkreli, who earned the nickname "Pharma Bro" for exploits that included increasing to the price of a life-saving drug by 5,000 percent, apologized for the post in a letter to Matsumoto on Tuesday, calling it an "awkward attempt at humor or satire."

Shkreli said in the post, since deleted, that he needed the hair to "confirm the sequences I have," an apparent reference to genetic testing.

Shkreli was convicted in August of defrauding investors of two hedge funds he ran, MSMB Capital and MSMB Healthcare. He was acquitted of stealing from a drug company he later founded, Retrophin Inc, to pay them back.

Though the charges carry a maximum sentence of 20 years, Shkreli will likely serve much less, in part because none of the investors lost money.

Patients and U.S. lawmakers were outraged in 2015 when Shkreli, then chief executive of Turing Pharmaceuticals, raised the price of anti-infection drug Daraprim by 5,000 percent.

Since his December 2015 arrest, he has clashed frequently with critics on social media. Twitter banned him from its platform in January for harassing a female journalist, another incident prosecutors cited in their motion to revoke his bail.

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Police prepare to act out their stunts at a previous Hero Thrill Show event. PROVIDED

Rain or shine, the Hero Thrill Show goes on

A rainy Wednesday afternoon truncated a pep rally for the show that supports the children of fallen police officers and fire fighters.

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A wet, dreary Wednesday afternoon may have kept the planned action at this year's annual Hero Thrill Show Preview and Pep Rally to a minimum, but organizers said the full event, to be held on Sept. 23, is still expected to be a spectacle of stunts, police and firefighter equipment and displays as well as live music, mascots and dance teams.

But, the planned preview of the upcoming event, held at 18th and Market Streets, was shortened, due to rain on Wednesday. The Philadelphia Police Highway Patrol Motorcycle Drill Team couldn't perform in the slick roadways and a planned rappelling stunt had to be canceled as well.

But young police fan Ryder Simms was on hand to ride his toy police car, and the Philadelphia Police Highway Patrol Motorcycle Drill Team still enjoyed the event, even if the rain kept them from performing.

"The rain killed us," said Jimmy Binns, a lawyer and chairman of the Thrill Show, after the rain caused most of the day's event to be canceled.

Binns has been in charge of the Thrill Show since 2006, when, he said, the show was set to be shuttered, but he stepped in and saved it from closure.

"It had fallen out of favor. … It was going out of business," said a rain-soaked Binns on Wednesday. "Nobody else was going to help them."

In fact, according to information shared by the Office of the City Representative, Sheila Hess, ten years ago, before Binns took over the show, attendance was just 400 people. But, in 2016, the Hero Thrill Show saw an attendance of about 25,000.

Binns said he was excited to take over the show, and recalled that the year he did it, he promised Sylvester Stallone that he would work to get the statue of Rocky Balboa moved to the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art after it had been moved to the Spectrum in South Philly, if Stallone would serve as grand marshal of the Thrill Show that year.

And Stallone obliged.

The Thrill Show was initially established in 1954 — this year's event will be the 63rd annual — after 10 firefighters died in an explosive gas fire in North Philadelphia. It was established as an event that could help support the college educations of the children of firefighters, police officers and other first responders who had been disabled or died in the line of duty.

Since he took over the show in 2006, Binns said he's been able to help put 23 children of fallen police or firefighters through college.

"And it never gets old," he said with a grin.

Philadelphia isn't the only city with a team of skilled and hardworking officers who are able to perform on motorcycles — Indianapolis, Indiana and Vancouver, Canada are just a few cities with similar teams — but, Binns said no other city on Earth does what Philadelphia does by holding annual Thrill Shows in order to help raise funds to support the children of fallen first responders.

"No other city in the world does this for children of police and firefighters," said the 77-year-old Binns.

In order to participate in the Thrill Show, Binns said officers in the Philadelphia Highway Patrol Drill Team must undergo weeks of training and, Binns said proudly, that he had just completed the training he needed to become a trainer for the officers riding in the shows.

"Our riders, they have to be expert motorcycle riders," said Binns.

The Hero Thrill Show will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23, starting at noon, for a full day of activities. The events, including a performance by the Philadelphia Highway Patrol Drill Team and many others, will be held at the Wells Fargo Center at 3601. S. Broad Street.

Tickets cost $10 each or $25 for a pack of five tickets for a family. Tickets are available at local police and fire stations as well as by visiting herothrillshow.org.

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Hillary Clinton is comparing herself to Cersei Lannister from 'Game of Thrones'

It has nothing to do with Cersei's blind ambition or violent and unforgiving tendencies ... seriously.

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As readers make their way through the "What Happened" Hillary Clinton book, they seem to uncover shocking revelation after shocking revelation, including the chapter in which the former presidential candidate likens her treatment by Republicans during campaign season to the humiliation experienced by Cersei Lannister during a certain infamous "Game of Thrones" scene.

"Crowds at Trump rallies called for my imprisonment more times than I can count," Clinton writes in her memoir, which was released Tuesday. "They shouted, 'Guilty! Guilty!' like the religious zealots in 'Game of Thrones' chanting 'Shame! Shame!' while Cersei Lannister walked back to the Red Keep."

"Lock her up," was another Trump crowd favorite.

Clinton is, of course, referring to the "Game of Thrones" Season 5 finale in which Cersei, played by Lena Headey, who has confessed to adultery, is forced to walk naked through King's Landing to atone for her sins as the city has come under the grip of a radical and militant-like religious order.

As Cersei marches through the streets, hair clipped close to her skull in punishment, a Septa walks behind her ringing a bell and chanting, "Shame, shame," as crowds yell, spit and throw human waste at her.

When talking about filming the scene in 2015, Headey told Entertainment Weekly, "There's a part of you that's f—ing terrified. I can't even imagine people wanting your blood. Cersei has done wrong, but she doesn't really deserve this."

It's this concept of undeserved punishment Clinton tries to bite into with her analogy.

Clinton, of course, earned major criticism for using a private email server to conduct official business in her role as secretary of state under President Barack Obama. Though she was ultimately cleared of charges, she continued to famous an onslaught of attacks from Trump supporters calling for her to face criminal charges.

"What in the world was this?" she writes in a passage shared on Twitter. "I've been in politics for a long time, but I was taken aback by the flood of hatred that only seemed to grow as we got closer to Election Day."

"I had left the State Department one of the most admired public servants in America. Now people seemed to think I was evil. Not just 'not my cup of tea' but evil. It was flabbergasting and frightening," she continues.

Clinton's readiness to compare herself to the bloodthirsty queen of Westeros is a somewhat curious decision. In the series Cersei is depicted as a violent, unforgiving and blindly ambitious leader — all qualities Clinton herself has been accused of.

Though the "Game of Thrones" scene had obvious medieval overtones, Headey said similar realities are still experienced by women around the globe.

"They still do it now. They take women out and stone them to death."

Clinton isn't blaming her loss totally on the fact that she is a woman, but she's not discounting that it played a role either.

"Was all this because I was a woman?" Clinton asks. "No. But I believe it was motivation for some of those chanters and some of that bile."

Hillary Clinton is comparing herself to Cersei Lannister for some reason. FLICKR

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Retro games making a comeback with AtGames

The Atari video game system GETTY IMAGES

In this age of massive multimedia video game production, it's refreshing to play a classic game that's almost instantly intuitive.

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"Pac-Man," "Mortal Kombat" and "Tetris" aren't just for old heads anymore. The classic video games of the '70s, '80s and '90s are making a comeback as AtGames announced the launch of the Atari Flashback Portable Game Player, the Sega Ultimate Portable Game Player, the Atari Flashback 8 Classic Game Console and the Sega Classic Game Console. Loaded with classic favorites, they are now available at Family Dollar and Toys "R" Us and will be at other large retailers soon.

To support the launch of the new systems, AtGames is engaging in a massive nongaming retail blitz that will bring the classic gaming hardware to everyone.

"AtGames has always focused on family friendly fun, value and accessibility," said Ping-Kang Hsiung, CEO of AtGames. "Making it easy for families to enjoy video games together continues to be AtGames' mission."

In this age of massive multimedia video game production that requires a significant time investment just to learn the controls, it's refreshing to play a classic game that's almost instantly intuitive, said AtGames marketing coordinator Ray Attiyat, 32.

"A classic game is a classic for a reason. There's a timeless quality about it. Those of us that grew up during that time are starting to have families of our own. It is only natural to look back and have fond memories of the games you played growing up. A lot of parents also like sharing these classic games with their children to give them a taste of what gaming was like when they were younger," said Attiyat.

The most popular games for Atari, according to Attiyat, are "Pong," "River Raid," "Pitfall!" and "Space Invaders." For Sega, pretty much any Sonic game, "Mortal Kombat" and the "Phantasy Star" series, he said.

"We find that our customer base is a mix of nostalgic adults and newcomers who want to check out some classic games that they may have heard about but have not yet played. Since all of our consoles come with two controllers, multiplayer gaming is a given, including between parents and kids. It's great family fun and introduces retro titles to a younger generation," he said.

But what about the quality of those pixels that make it painful to watch older movies?

"As long as a game is great gameplay and is fun to play, the graphics don't really matter as much. These retro titles have withstood the test of time due to those reasons as opposed to just having great graphics," said Attiyat.

Almost all of the Atari and Sega games were designed for multiple people to play, which is uncommon nowadays. Sega can have two people playing simultaneously and some Atari games can support four with two sets of paddles. The Sega Genesis Flashback and Atari Flashback 8 are the latest additions to the retro gaming line. Both consoles include 720p HDMI output, 2.4g wireless controllers, save/pause/rewind functions for all games and original wired controller support. The Sega unit comes with 85 games built in as well as a cartridge slot to play original Sega Genesis/Megadrive games. The Atari console comes with 120 built-in games.

"The original idea came from us observing how passionate fans are of these original systems, and we realized that no one was making any quality and fully licensed consoles for people to enjoy," Attiyat said. "We are currently working with Atari to help release a VR title on PS4."

"It's great family fun and introduces retro titles to a younger generation."
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Liberal, conservative lawmakers offer opposing healthcare ideas

Neither plan was thought likely to succeed in a Congress exhausted with fighting over the issue, raising questions over whether lawmakers would instead prop up the health benefits offered under Obamacare.

U.S. senators unveiled two opposing visions of a healthcare system in the United States on Wednesday — leading liberals advocating government insurance for all and several Republicans proposing an eleventh-hour repeal of Obamacare to replace it with programs run by the states.

Independent Sen. Bernie Sanders, a 2016 Democratic Party presidential candidate, held a campaign-style gathering at which enthusiasts applauded as he proposed extending the federal Medicare health insurance program for seniors to include everyone.

"The American people want to know what we are going to do to fix a dysfunctional healthcare system which costs us twice as much per person as any other country and yet leaves 28 million people uninsured, and even more underinsured," Sanders declared.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren, one of 16 Democratic co-sponsors for Sanders' proposal, told the gathering it was time to go a step beyond Obamacare, the 2010 law officially called the Affordable Care Act that expanded health coverage to 20 million Americans.

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"We will say that in this country everyone gets a basic right to healthcare," Warren said.

But in an office building nearby, Republican senators announced they were offering a "last chance" to repeal Obamacare, before a parliamentary procedure allowing them to pass it with a simple majority, instead of a three-fifths majority like most Senate legislation, expires at the end of September.

They proposed replacing the law with a program that would give states money in the form of block grants to run their own healthcare programs.

Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, one of the plan's authors, said he was not ready to give up the long-held Republican goal of repealing Obamacare despite a stunning failure to muster enough votes within the party this summer to kill the law.

"The idea that the Republican party has done its best to repeal and replace Obamacare is a joke," said Graham, who was joined by fellow Republican Bill Cassidy in the effort.

A system of U.S. government-run healthcare for all is anathema to many Republicans, who think the hybrid Obamacare system in which government subsidizes private health insurance already was a step too far.

Republicans' last attempt in July to overturn Obamacare fell one vote short in the Senate in a humiliating defeat for President Donald Trump and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

In addition to the Sanders and Graham-Cassidy proposals, a bipartisan effort is under way in the Senate health committee to repair Obamacare without repealing it, by protecting subsidies that are paid to insurance companies to help offset discounts under the program. REUTERS

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Correction: Philadelphia rapper's identity mix-up

After being contacted by a North Philly man, Metro Philly is writing this correction to clarify the record related to a recent story.

A story about the recent murder of a man in Spring Garden, allegedly by suspect Maurice Davis, who is 16 and in custody, was run with the picture of another young man from North Philly, who is not Maurice Davis.

Davion Shelton, pictured, 16, lives in North Philly and is a rapper by the name of Erie Ave Mar with several recordings on Soundcloud.

Metro incorrectly identified Shelton as Davis, and misattributed Shelton's hip-hop recordings to Davis.

The mix-up occurred because Davis identified himself also using the name "Erie Ave Mar" on his Facebook page.

Police sources told Metro that was Davis' rap name.

However, the real Erie Ave Mar is Shelton, a completely different person not involved with the original case in any way, shape or form.

"My son doesn't have anything to do with that type of lifestyle," said Shelton's mother, Ludelia Shelton. "He's just rapping about his environment."

All pictures of Shelton have been removed online from Metro.us. Metro failed to do its due diligence with this story, and for that, we apologize. SAM NEWHOUSE

Rapper Erie Ave Mar, real name Davion Shelton, 16, was wrongly identified in a Metro story. PROVIDED

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MIT, IBM researchers to study how AI can better humankind

The new AI Lab, a partnership between MIT and IBM, will take a deep dive into artificial intelligence.

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Artificial intelligence is becoming unavoidable, and whether we like it or not, AI will be a part of our future. But how much do we really know about the technology, and how will we be prepared to tackle the challenges it poses?

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology and IBM are putting their "minds and hands" together to delve into just those questions and to dive into AI. MIT and the computer company recently announced a joint effort to research AI by together establishing the new MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab.

IBM will make a 10-year, $240 million investment in order to create the lab. And despite the concerns around AI, the lab will take a more positive approach.

"AI holds a remarkable potential to advance knowledge for the betterment of humankind," said Anantha Chandrakasan, dean of MIT's School of Engineering, who was involved with the agreement between MIT and IBM for this lab. "We want scientists, professors and students to build machine-learning and AI systems that excel at both narrow tasks and the human skills of discovery and explanation."

One specific goal of the lab, Chandrakasan said, that would be for humankind's "betterment" is to use AI along with imaging in radiology to "automatically detect breast cancer," he said.

IBM will invest $240 million into the AI Lab at MIT. GETTY IMAGES

Health is a huge sector for AI advancement, but it's not the only area where the technology will flourish. Researchers will specifically look into the link between AI and cybersecurity, among others industries.

Though there are a few broad topics the lab aims to focus on — algorithms that can build on machine learning, the physics of AI like new hardware materials and devices, and learning how AI can be applied to industries such as healthcare and cybersecurity — MIT and IBM will also seek proposals from other scientists about what exactly to research.

For some, AI may seem like something that will lead to losses — of jobs, of any kind of human labor, of human interaction.

But for researchers, AI is about the possibility of more.

That's the aim of one more big question Chandrakasan said the lab will seek to answer that really gets to the "good" of AI.

"The lab will explore this vital issue: How can AI deliver economic and societal benefits to a broader range of people, nations and enterprises?" he said. "Researchers will investigate how AI can help individuals achieve more in their lives."

TRUMP LAWSUIT

Trump administration sued over phone searches at US borders

The Trump administration has engaged in an unconstitutional practice of searching without a warrant the phones and laptops of Americans who are stopped at the border, a lawsuit filed on Wednesday alleged.

Ten U.S. citizens and one lawful permanent resident sued the Department of Homeland Security in federal court, saying the searches and confiscation of their electronic devices violate privacy and free speech protections of the U.S. Constitution.

The lawsuit comes as the number of searches of electronic devices has surged in recent years, alarming civil rights advocates.

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol reported in April that searches increased from 8,500 in fiscal year 2015 to about 19,000 in fiscal year 2016. The agency has conducted nearly 15,000 in the first half of fiscal year 2017.

Suhaib Allababidi, a U.S. citizen who lives in Texas and a plaintiff in the case, said in an interview that he was stopped by Customs and Border Patrol on Jan. 21 at the Dallas airport.

Allababidi said he declined to unlock his personal phone for the officers after allowing them to search his business phone.

The officers confiscated both his phones, Allababidi said, and returned his business phone to him two months later. The government has still not returned his personal phone after more than seven months, he said.

U.S. law enforcement is required to obtain a warrant before it can search an American's electronic devices. But a so-called border search exception allows federal authorities to conduct searches within 100 miles of a U.S. border without a warrant.

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President Trump has drawn criticism for his response to last month's violence in Charlottesville, Virginia. GETTY IMAGES

Congress forces Trump to condemn white supremacists

They just passed a bipartisan resolution.

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Responding to President Donald Trump's seeming support of white nationalists after the Charlottesville terror attack, Congress has passed a bipartisan resolution requiring him to condemn white supremacists and to commit resources to fighting domestic terrorism by neo-Nazis and other hate groups.

The bill urges Trump to "speak out against hate groups that espouse racism, extremism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, and White supremacy" and calls on the administration to "use all resources available to the president and the president's cabinet to address the growing prevalence of those hate groups in the United States."

The legislation was introduced by Rep. Tom Garrett, the Republican congressman representing Charlottesville, and Rep. Gerald Connolly, a Democrat from Virginia. It was sponsored by both of Virginia's senators, Democrats Tim Kaine and Mark Warner. The entire Virginia delegation of seven Republicans and four Democrats supported it.

Because the bill is a "joint resolution," Trump is required to sign or veto it. Either way, he must weigh in on the issue; he'll be unable to dodge condemnation to appease his alt-right base.

The White House hasn't commented on the resolution.

In Charlottesville last month, 32-year-old Heather Heyer was hit and killed by a car driven by a neo-Nazi who sped into a crowd protesting a white-nationalist rally. In responding to the incident, Trump caused a firestorm by criticizing "hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides" and failing to call out the white supremacists and neo-Nazis in attendance by name. In a follow-up press conference, he said that some "very fine people" were among the white nationalist marchers.

The current Congress has shown an unusual bipartisan willingness to tie Trump's hands. In August, both the House and Senate overwhelmingly approved new sanctions on Russia and limited the president's ability to lift them without the consent of Congress.

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I'm obsessed with Serena Williams' new baby

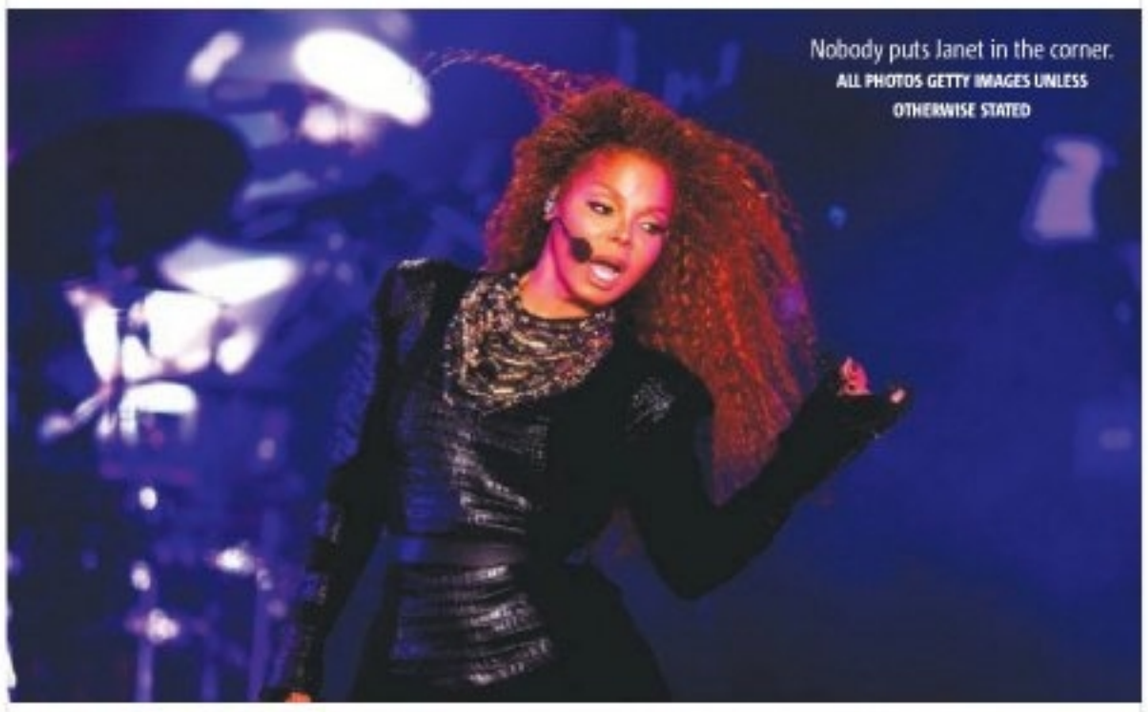
Serena Williams — tennis champion, and now mother — has shared a photo of her new baby girl and, frankly, I'm obsessed.

"Meet Alexis Olympia Ohanian Jr.," she wrote. YAS. What a perfect name for a perfect li'l babe.

The tennis star also shared a video documenting her pregnancy with fiancé Alexis Ohanian (or shall I say Alexis Ohanian Sr.?) — from winning the Australian Open at eight weeks pregnant, to accidentally announcing said pregnancy on Snapchat. What a journey it's been, y'all!

The couple welcomed Alexis on Sept. 1 in West Palm Beach. And the first person they told was Beyoncé, which, yeah. Sounds about right.

Was Janet Jackson verbally abused?



Nobody puts Janet in the corner.
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Janet Jackson — forever kween — split from her husband of five years, Wissam Al Mana, in April. And now, her older brother Randy Jackson is claiming Janet suffered "verbal abuse" and felt like "a prisoner in her own home" during the marriage. Oh, hell no. This will not stand.

"There's a lot of pain," Randy told People. "Janet's been through a lot with her divorce. I've been through a lot, we all have."

He continued, saying that Janet and Al Mana's situation was an abusive one. "It came on later in the relationship. … No pregnant woman needs to go through being called a bitch everyday. There were things like that. That's what she went through.

"It's not about anger or vengeance," Randy continued. "We don't like to put our business out there, but sometimes transparency helps you." Preach it, my dude.

Kate Hudson doesn't know what lazy means

There's Kate Hudson, on the cover of Cosmopolitan, framed by teases of hidden moan zones and hot solo-sex tricks. But people are mad at her for one thing she said in a survey. Let's discuss!

Hudson answered a bunch of random questions in her cute, relatable way. But when asked to share what the laziest thing she has ever done, Hudson wrote, "Have a C-section!"

Naturally, the internet was ablaze with women who felt personally attacked by Hudson's response. ""Hey #KateHudson," one wrote. "Please tell me which part of major abdominal surgery is 'Lazy?' The procedure?"

Thing is, she's saying that's the laziest thing she's ever done. Maybe she's just like, extremely not lazy! I mean, I'm no Kate Hudson head, but you know, she's just talking about her experience and trying to be light and fluffy like she always is. It's like, kind of her thing.

Twitter is mad, as usual.

Meghan Markle met the queen

Meghan Markle — she of the Vanity Fair cover — has reportedly met the queen because her one-year-relationship with Prince Harry is very! Very! Serious!

Markle had reportedly already met Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, and William, but a source close to Harry explains that he "decided to take Meghan to visit as he hadn't been up yet all summer." And there, at Balmoral Castle — where the queen summers, you see — she met the OG.

"It went well," said the source. So well, in fact, that the entire weekend was dubbed a success. OK! "He was able to introduce someone he loves to someone he cares for deeply." Yes, that is literally a basic translation of what happened.

Anyway, they're in love, and now she's met the queen and they'll probably get married soon and not tell us about it.

Get it, Meghan.

'Broad City' foreshadows Trump's presidency

The season-four premiere, "Sliding Doors," is a parable about how naivete can lead to disaster.

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"Broad City" Season four airs Wednesdays at 10:30 p.m., EDT, on Comeday Central. CARA HOWE

The broads are back! In the season four "Broad City" premiere, "Sliding Doors," which aired last night, we go back to the day Abbi and Ilana first met, alternating between two versions of how things could have gone — with drastically different outcomes. Just like that Gwyneth Paltrow '90s flick, our heroines' fates hinge upon their making the train (in this case, the subway) before the doors close. Our girls even rock different hairstyles to help us distinguish between the storylines, versions, just like Gwyneth did: In one, Abbi loses her ponytail to "the NYC snipper," and must make do with a spiky shag, a la David Bowie in "Labyrinth"; Ilana wears hers either straightened or naturally curly.

The question isn't whether or not the two NYU undergrads circa 2011 become besties; it's whether or not they'll make it through the day. While the storytelling device is a fun experiment, as "Broad City" is wont to do — and c'mon, who hasn't imagined how their own "Sliding Doors" would play out — there's a deeper message here. The episode is a sort-of parable about how blind optimism and naivete can lead to disaster. It's a loose foreshadowing of Trump's presidency.

The parallel days each begin with the girls meeting underground, when Ilana lends Abbi a Metrocard swipe. In Version A, we'll call it, the two make the train, but go their separate ways, each enduring extremely trying days, before reuniting again by chance and commiserating. In Version B, the two miss the train, but spend a magical first day together where almost nothing goes wrong (suspiciously). And then there's this exchange:

Abbi: "I'm so relieved we have a hot black guy as president."

Ilana: "I feel like we're finally moving forward."

Abbi: "And it's just the beginning. Never backward, only forward."

Ilana: "Next is a woman!"

At the end of their nearly perfect NYC day, they get hit by a bus with an ad for Donald Trump's "The Apprentice," featuring his mug and the tagline "American is Watching. You're fired!"

In episodes ahead, we'll return to the present and see how Abbi and Ilana are coping after Trump's election, though we never hear his name — it's bleeped out throughout the season.In "Witches," we learn that Ilana hasn't orgasmed since the election. But she reclaims her "cum queen" status by harnessing some witchy woman power. All hope is not lost, so long as you stick with the broads.

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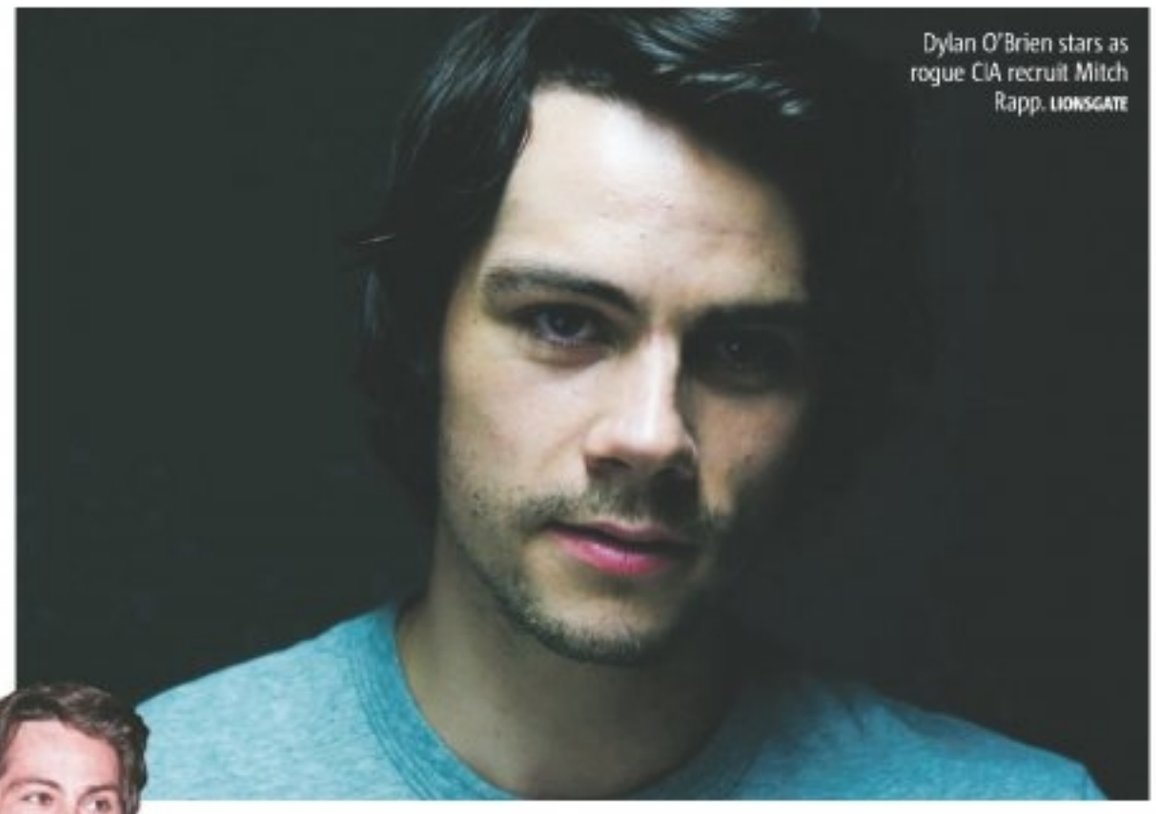
‘American Assassin’ helped Dylan O’Brien push past trauma

The actor talks about his accident, anxiety and authenticity.


Dylan O’Brien stars as rogue CIA recruit Mitch Rapp. LIONSGATE

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Dylan O’Brien probably shouldn’t have made “American Assassin.” Just six months before “Assassin” was slated to film, he was severely injured in an on-set accident for “Maze Runner: The Death Cure” — an accident that required him to have extensive surgery.

Although the 26-year-old has kept mum about the full extent of his injuries, it’s clear from his comments that they made an impact on him mentally and physically. Especially as he prepared for his role as Mitch Rapp, a vengeful vigilante trained by the CIA to fight terrorists. So much so that O’Brien admits that he never thought he would make it through production on “American Assassin.”

“It was the hardest thing I have ever done,” O’Brien recalls over the phone. “I was coming off the hardest thing I had ever gone through, and the scariest thing I had ever experienced. And then, to be honest, I was coming off months of mental anxiety from the accident. Things were out of my control [because of] the way a brain reacts to trauma.”

O’Brien remembers having weekly panic attacks where he would feel “completely overwhelmed about everything” that he had to handle during the shoot. “It felt too soon,” he says. “I was still going through too much personally, and at the same time I was having to turn up to the gym everyday, and there were multiple times where I had [panic] attacks about doing this. I just totally wanted to run off the ledge.”

Despite the daily pain and trauma of returning to a movie set, O’Brien is clearly proud he overcame such a huge obstacle. “I just couldn’t be happier that I pushed through, and made this happen for myself,” he says. “Because it ended up being something I’m really proud of, and something that was really hopeful and instrumental in getting me back on my feet as an actor and as a person.”

After everything he’s gone through, O’Brien didn’t just want to sign up for more of the same, career wise. And with “American Assassin,” he saw something that avoided making the same old predictable sort of film.

“I wanted to make sure it was fused with honesty and authenticity, and didn’t have an agenda,” he says. “I think, ultimately, what I really like with the film, and the message it puts across when it comes to terrorism, is that it can come from absolutely anywhere. And ultimately that’s what we’re dealing with in the world right now.”

After everything O’Brien has gone through, he’s primed and ready to deal with anything else the world throws at him. You’ll get to see him in action when “American Assassin” is released Sept. 15.

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Where to celebrate Oktoberfest things to do

Looking for a fun fall date idea? We're putting our bets on one of these Oktoberfest events.
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Spending the weekend on the Main Line? Be sure to swing by Ardmore Oktoberfest.

The ninth annual South Street Oktoberfest presented by Brauhaus Schmitz is a must-attend.

Get your lederhosen ready.

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Just because summer is over doesn't mean the fun stops with fall — simply swap BBQs for Oktoberfest celebrations! On Saturday, Sept. 16, Oktoberfest kicks off in Munich through Oct. 3 for 16 days of fun, food and, of course, beer. And don't worry, you don't need to hop on a plane to Germany to get in on the action — there are tons of Oktoberfest celebrations in the Philly region. From South Street to Center City to Ardmore, you have more than enough options for a beer-filled fall. *Prost*!

9th Annual South Street Oktoberfest

Saturday, Sept. 16
12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
700 Block of South St.
brauhausschmitz.com
German-fare favorite Brauhaus Schmitz is putting on their South Street Oktoberfest celebration for the ninth year in a row in front of their restaurant. Attendees can purchase beer and food as they go or upgrade to the VIP package ($115) which includes no-wait bathrooms (a godsend when beer is involved), a Bavarian buffet, six tokens for beer, an official Brauhaus Oktoberfest T-shirt, drawstring bag and a glass liter stein to commemorate the experience. You can also enjoy 10 different German beers on draft, live Oompah music, German dancers and more.

Ardmore Oktoberfest

Saturday, Sept. 23
2 p.m. to 8 p.m.
17 Cricket Ave., Ardmore
ardmoreoktoberfest.com
Spend your weekends on the Main Line? Take a break from the city center and attend Ardmore's Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, Sept. 23. Presented by Ardmore Initiative with sponsor McCloskey's Tavern, enjoy German eats, a variety of beer and live music from The O'Fenders and the James D. Oompah Band. There will even be activities for the kids like cookie decorating, pumpkin decorating, crafts and face painting.

Uptoberfest Oktoberfest at Uptown Beer Garden

Saturday, Sept. 23
12 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Uptown Beer Garden
1735 JFK Blvd.
facebook.com/uptownbeergarden
For the second year in a row, Uptoberfest returns to Uptown Beer Garden in Center City. Enjoy a special German import draft lift as well as a few special American fall beers. In terms of food, the menu will include four different bratwursts, currywurst, pretzels, potato pancakes and brotzeit (like a charcuterie plate but more robust with thick cuts of cheese, meat and carbs.) General admission is free but VIP tickets ($20) include a VIP-only area with a separate bar, a keg of Hofstetten von 1810 (inspired by the original Oktoberfest beer), light buffet and a keepsake glass filled with your beer of choice.

23rd Street Armory Oktoberfest

Friday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 7, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday, October 8, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m.
23rd Street Armory
22 South 23rd Street
ticketfly.com
Oktoberfest may officially be over but that doesn't mean the party needs to stop in Philly. For the second year in a row, Brauhaus Schmitz is back at it with their 23rd Street Armory Oktoberfest from Oct. 6 to Oct. 8. Taking place at the massive 23rd Street Armory, the space is big enough to hold 1,500 people. Guests can enjoy Oktoberfest eats from Chef Jeremy Nolen, homemade Bavarian pretzels from Chef Jessica Nolen and Hofbräuhaus beer imported from Germany by Doug Hager. What's more, the space will be transformed into an authentic German beer hall, complete with blue-and-white banners and festival tables with traditional wooden benches — all imported from Germany. Of course, there will also be live music from Alex Meixner Band and Heimatklange Band.

Steven Dufala transfers his inventive

The Man Man co-founder and Dufala Brother is involved with two shows in the 2017 fest, with Fringe faves Geoff Sobelle and Thaddeus Phillips.

SHAUN BRADY

"Home" is being performed at The Prince Theater.
ALL PHOTOS MARIA BARANOVA

Steven Dufala recognizes the irony of working on a show called "Home" when he'd been effectively without one — at least an artistic one — for more than a year. Although he's best known as one-half of the pranksterishly surrealist art-making duo the Dufala Brothers, theater has recently taken over his life while his studio has been boxed up and put into storage.

"Home," the latest piece by inventive Philly theater artist Geoff Sobelle, is just one of two pieces in this year's Fringe Festival that have been consuming Dufala's time. While he's credited with set design on Sobelle's show, he's a full-fledged co-creator with another Fringe regular, Thaddeus Phillips, on "A Billion Nights on Earth," which draws on inspirations as far-ranging as children's storybooks and kabuki theater.

The performance explores the life cycle of a house.

After the two shows finish their runs this weekend, Dufala will finally move into a new studio with brother Billy, where he can get back to his own drawing practice and the duo's collaborative sculptures — famously absurdist work that makes witty mash-ups of, for instance, a dumpster-turned-coffin, or hosts a toilet-tricycle race through the streets of Old City. Still, that sense of limbo was shared by many of the artists who worked on "Home," and helped shape the show.

"We've all come to realize that idea of permanence is a bit of an illusion," Dufala says. "Homes fall down and always have to be maintained — there's always something wrong. Even [on a larger scale] the history of the United States is one of flux and movement and migration. So the show traces

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artwork to the Fringe Fest stage

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an arc from nothing to a full house and all the life that exists in it, to dilapidation and ruin."

While "Home" started with a big idea, "A Billion Nights on Earth" began with Phillips and Dufala simply throwing around visual ideas and whimsies and let them guide the show. Phillips is renowned for his clever set pieces, which can turn a simple object into any number of new settings — a tarp that transforms from ship to sea creature to the ocean itself, or a rotating glass box that can be a Winnebago or a gas station. So he and Dufala seem a natural fit, and in collaboration they took their cues from Phillips' young son.

The show runs through Sept. 16.

"Thaddeus wanted to make a show essentially that a 3-year-old could get," Dufala explains. He was fascinated by his son's imagination, how things didn't have to add up and anything could be anything else. So we started with just a romp through the imagination, making little models and playing, and then we tried to figure out where there was a story in that."

These two shows follow the recent success of Sobelle's last show, the moving "The Object Lesson," and Lightning Rod Special's provocative "Underground Railroad Game," both of which have kept Dufala busily on the road — something he thought he'd given up when he quit the band Man Man several years ago.

If you go

"Home"
Sept. 13-16
Prince Theater
1412 Chestnut St., $35

"A Billion Nights On Earth"
Sept. 14-17
FringeArts
140 N. Columbus Blvd., $29

"When I was in Man Man I realized I didn't like touring that much, and now I feel like I've been doing it all the time," he laments. "These shows are all kind of experimental and you hope that they do well, but that's never a guaranteed thing. So to have a bunch of them take off at once is crazy and can easily take over your world. I'm definitely looking forward to spending some solitary time with a piece of paper and a pencil."

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Touted as the first school in the country to offer a diploma in circus arts, the Philadelphia School of Circus Arts and Circadium opens its doors this weekend, commemorating the event with free classes—think: juggling and acrobatics--tours of the building and, yes, a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Registration in advance is encouraged.
Sept. 15 through Sept. 17, various times
St. Madeleine Sophie Church
6440 Greene St., phillycircus.com
Free

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THEATER

"Andean Mountain"

"Andean," written and performed by Carlos Roa, is a digital exploration of how we relate to our sense of place, drawing a line between where we originate and where we now find ourselves. Going further, this interdisciplinary work dives into the details of cultural loss.
Sept. 14 through Sept. 15, 7 p.m.
Taller Puertorriqueno
2600 N. Fifth St.
fringearts.com, $15

"Last Ditch Playlist"

Inspired by true events, the scenes of this play—vignettes presented non-chronologically—are triggered by the breakup playlist of Aaron, who's trying to unpack what went wrong in his latest breakup. For: anyone who's recently endured a separation—or, really, anyone who's had love and lost it.
Sept. 15, 8 p.m.
Performance Garage
1515 Brandywine St.
fringearts.com, $24

Get Pegged

Queer cabaret singer and actor Dieter Rita travels from Germany to perform alongside Bearded Ladies Artistic Director John Jarboe. The collaboration is a special, free edition of the ongoing Get Pegged series, in celebration of this year's Fringe Festival.
Sept. 15, 10:30 p.m.
FringeArts
140 N. Columbus Blvd.
fringearts.com
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MUSEUMS

#BiketoBarnes

This unusual pairing of Indego and the Barnes involves a feel-good bike ride to the Barnes, the unveiling of 10 bikes enveloped with signature Barnes paintings and free admission to the museum's collecton—open late, no less. See the museum's website for locations of each bike ride-along, of which there are five.
Sept. 14, 5 p.m.
Various locations
barnesfoundation.org
Free

Family Game Night

Running with an ancient-games theme—or in the case of a game like jacks, classic—Penn Museum hosts families for sessions of chess, mancala, hieroglyph-decoding and more. There will also be a spin on Hungry Hungry Hippos and a bounce house, with light snacks available to keep the kids energized. Families of four can join in for a flat fee of $50.
Sept. 15, 6 p.m.
Penn Museum
3260 South St.
penn.museum, $15

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Sweetbriar Rose Dance Party

Those looking for a slower speed for their Friday-night dancing can bop and sway over to the Headhouse District, where Sweetbriar Rose performs a mix of country, folk and jazz sounds. Society Hill Dance Academy will offer free dance lessons, with food and drink available from Bistro Romano.
Sept. 15, 6 p.m.
Headhouse Shambles
200 Pine St.
southstreet.com
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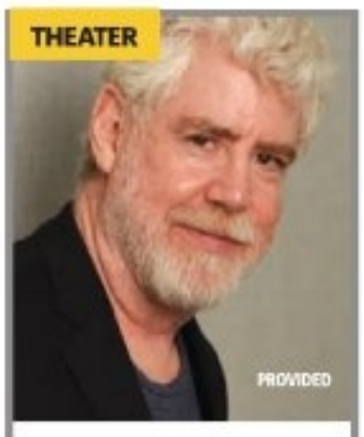
Father John Misty

Baltimore folk singer Father John Misty, aka Josh Tillman, performs his new album "Pure Comedy"—an album that's part story of a species with a half-formed brain, part commentary on today's political landscape and part ode to '70s singer-songwriters. The album is among the most well-received of Tillman's 10 studio albums.
Sept. 15, 7 p.m.
Mann Center for the Performing Arts

THEATER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Ruggedly Jewish: An Evening With Bob Garfield

A multimedia monologue of a "secular Jew," Bob Garfield—host of National Public Radio's "On the Media"—delivers a performance that is both hilarious and thought-provoking. This is a world-premiere event, leading into a nationwide tour of the show in 2018.
Sept. 15 through Sept. 16, various times
Suzanne Roberts Theatre
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Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Wells Fargo Center
3601 S. Broad St.
arcadefire.com
$29.50

FOOD & DRINK

Field Farm Dinner Honoring Ann Karlen

Meant to highlight women in culinary arts, this second annual field farm dinner celebrates Ann Karlen, who founded local nonprofit Fair Food, responsible for bringing the Fair Food Farmstand to Reading Terminal Market. The dinner, taking place among the scenery of the Inn of Grace Winery, will be prepared by chef-members of Les Dames d'Escoffier, a philanthropic organization supporting women in food and fine beverages.
Sept. 17, 4 p.m.
The Inn at Grace Winery
50 Sweetwater Road, Glen Mills,
$125

FOOD & DRINK

PROVIDED

South Street Oktoberfest

With fall days away, it's time for the usual string of Oktoberfests, starting with Breauhaus Schmitz's ninth annual fest on South Street that features German food, music, dancers and 10 beers on draft. This event is rain or shine.
Sept. 16, 12 p.m.
Seventh and South streets
brauhausschmitz.com, Pay as you go

FESTIVALS

O17: The Magic Flute

Part of the long-anticipated, inaugural O17 festival from Opera Philadelphia, Mozart's "The Magic Flute" is described as "a meeting between 1920s silent movies and David Lynch." The production, which appears for the first time on the East Coast, is co-produced by LA Opera and Minnesota Opera, making it a can't-miss.
Sept. 15, 8 p.m.
The Academy of Music
240 S. Broad St.
academyofmusic.org, $20

LGBT

Philly AIDS Thrift Block Party

Philly AIDS Thrift, which donates a portion of each sale to local HIV/AIDS organizations, hosts its 12th anniversary block party with food trucks, magicians, dancing, street vendors and sword swallowing. DJ Robert Drake provides the beats, with a performance from West Philadelphia Orchestra.
Sept. 16, 12 p.m.
Fifth and Bainbridge streets
phillyaidsthrift.com
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Sabroso Noche

Gayborhood staple Honeytree Evil Eye, Albasario Dance Company, "Sara Without an H" and others combine their theatrical talents for "tasty" evening of burlesque, salsa, pole dancing, hip-hop and bachata. Truly, an inter-disciplinary spectacle.
Sept. 16, 11 p.m.
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Don't go to Hawaii unless you're ready for your life to change.

After growing up on Florida's beaches, I didn't expect to find enlightenment standing on another one halfway around the world. Yet there I was, toes in the sand of Waikiki Beach just a couple hours after landing and knowing that this place was different.

Oahu claims the majority of Hawaii's population, and it's not hard to see why. Each of Hawaii's islands has its own identity. Save Maui for when you've married rich, because Oahu is the millennial paradise where you can delve into everything that Hawaii has to offer, from unspoiled wilderness to food experiences worth Instagramming. But what you'll really find is yourself.

Commune with nature

It's easy to understand why Hawaiians feel beloved by a greater power, the Spirit of Aloha, which roughly translates to belonging to the universe.

Frankly, we'd all probably feel a lot more generous if the weather were humidity-free (thanks, trade winds!) and sunny 365 days a year. This is the kind of idea you, type-A city dweller, are probably rolling your eyes at — and there's nothing like getting on a surfboard to understand it.

The North Shore awaits pros (in the winter) and amateurs all year long year to live that "Point Break" life. The pros at Hans Hedemann Surf School in Turtle Bay await to get from you zero to riding a wave in an hour, guaranteed.

And once you feel the push of the wave against your board, like the universe urging you on, there's no doubt we're all connected.

Hanauma Bay is a marvel from above the water and below. PHOTOS BY EVA KIS

Back on land

Once you can't paddle anymore, take it easy with some snorkeling. Hanauma Bay's circular inlet shields it from rougher waters so swimming won't tire you out, and most of the spectacular reef is less than 10 feet underwater, with the technicolor bevy of tropical fish swimming right up to you.

For hikers, **Diamond Head** is the iconic plateau that doubles as Oahu's own Hollywood sign, greeting visitors from the moment they land at Honolulu Airport. The trail gets crowded and lacks shade, but it's worth the 45-minute trek for the breathtaking views of downtown.

Prefer natural beauty? Get to **Makapuu Lighthouse** before dawn for the most spectacular hike up the soaring cliff to watch the sun rise over the endless ocean all around you.

Or take a helicopter tour of the **North Shore**, so untouched by development that you can practically hear the "Jurassic Park" theme song.

Best beaches

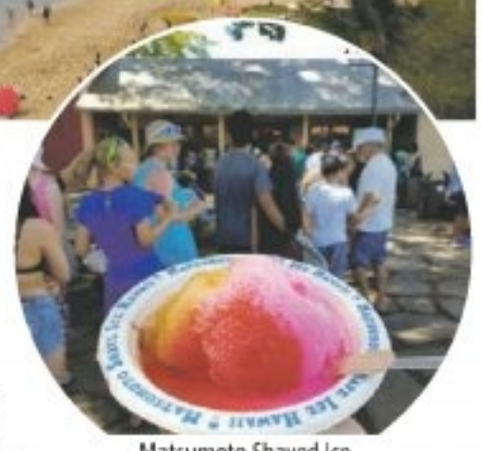
Waikiki Beach is great for a walk to see all the old hotels — the pink sand castle that is the Royal Hawaiian remains a stunning sight 90 years after it was built — and give a shaka sign to surfing's godfather The Duke, whose statue on Kalakaua Avenue is regularly replenished with leis.

For those envy-worthy Instas of sparkling sands and calm waters that look as if you're on a private island, take a ride to **Kailua Beach**. The most traffic you'll come across are kayakers to the twin islets just offshore.

For swimming, you'll want to lock down a beach chair along the stretch of sand in front of **Fort DeRussy**. Secluded from the din of traffic, there's also a rocky pier so low to the water that waves crash across your feet, and makes for a great spot to glimpse of seals and sea turtles that wander into the bay.

Adventures in food

Because you can't just fortify your soul, there's plenty of amazing food adventures to be had. The North Shore is renowned for its food trucks serving up the freshest peel-and-eat shrimp, and the most famous of them is **Giovanni's Shrimp Truck**.



Matsumoto Shaved Ice

Nearby in the village of Hale'iwa, the always-crowded **Matsumoto Shave Ice** shop with its perpetual line out the door for its famous ices in dozens of flavors, all made with natural fruit syrups.

Even food halls have made it to Oahu, and **The Street** is exceptional not just for its collection of stalls (don't miss Kai Poke's beautifully composed bowls) but the ambiance, like you're eating under the shade of palm trees. The stroll to get there through the open-air marvel that is the International Market Place mall is lovely, too.

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Be the Readiest

While the Spirit of Aloha is certainly fortifying, the six-hour time difference from the East Coast makes it easy to get up way earlier in the morning than you're used to.

Get your early start at the brand new Holiday Inn Express Waikiki, which comes with its own motto to inspire you: Be the Readiest. That doesn't just mean a great night's sleep in its efficient but comfortable rooms — the expanded breakfast bar offers made-to-order pancake machine and exclusive Cinnabon rolls. There's even an outdoor patio to enjoy your meal, because why wouldn't you want to spend every second in this incredible weather?

A 10-minute walk to downtown Honolulu and just five minutes to the beach makes it ideally located. And when you need a break, lay out on the hotel's pool deck or play a round of miniature golf.

Eagles, Chiefs matchup Sunday is like scene from 'Princess Bride'

Eagles' Doug Pederson and Chiefs' Andy Reid have much in common as coaches, making Sunday's Week 2 matchup a fascinating strategical battle.

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It will be an entertaining match up Sunday, when two similar offenses try to outsmart one another. GETTY IMAGES

Remember the scene from the movie "The Princess Bride" where Dread Pirate Roberts (the handsome man in black) and Vizzini challenge each other to a battle of wits?

The Sicilian man puts poison into a glass and the two proceed to pontificate on which one to drink to stay alive — and what strategy would Roberts take?

"But it's so simple," Vizzini said, alluding to what many know as game theory. "All I have to do is divine from what I know of you: are you the sort of man who would put the poison into his own goblet or his enemy's?"

The scene goes on, but the Eagles and Chiefs' Week 2 matchup is basically that.

With Andy Reid, the former Eagles head coach and Doug Pederson, Reid's former assistant and the former offensive coordinator in Kansas City, attempting to outwit one another Sunday (at 1 p.m. on Fox), the interaction and comfort inherent between the two leaders of men could lead to an interesting chess match on the sidelines. Do the teams try and stick with what's in their comfort zones? Or do they try and surprise their opposition by offering unexpected looks? Or, do they buck an anticipation for digression from the mean by doing exactly what they always do?

"You want to go out of the box a little bit and present a few different things," Pederson said. "I mean I know he's going to do the same thing with that offense and try to present some things out of the box that way."

Pederson came of age in the "House of Reid," and many have explained the Eagles' decision to revert philosophies after the failures of Chip Kelly as a desire to return to the Reid Era. Now, the Eagles will see if Pederson can best his former mentor.

"His teams are always well prepared," Pederson said of Reid and the Chiefs, who will be fresh off a long week to prepare after their Thursday win in New England last week. "They're a disciplined group. You see that, very consistent in how they go about their preparation during the week. … I can't get caught up on who's on the other side line, things of that nature. I just have to focus on my job and getting our team ready to play."

The Eagles also had an impressive Week 1 win commanding national attention, as their defense forced Washington into submission in a 30-17 decision in D.C. The defense, coached by Jim Schwartz, may be uniquely well-suited to go up against Reid's offense.

"The good news is we got to go all training camp against them, you know what I mean?" Schwartz said. "So, I think that has a lot to do with it. You go out there every day and passing-game wise, there's a lot of similarities. .

"We've had interaction with a lot of different guys on the staff. "

More than on-field imitations, the Eagles clubhouse and practice facility under Pederson is back, in many ways, to its form during the Reid era. Even the rules and procedures for conduct resemble the early 2000s Eagles.

"There are regulations around the building and in the community. Even the way we practice sometimes," Pederson said. "And then listen, I spent 14 years as a player, too. And then I've seen how players react to certain things. And so if I differ, I'll differ in a certain area here and there. But for the most part, just the discipline part of the football team, the structure. You have to be black and white with players and coaches. You can't leave it open for gray at all, and that's something that I think that Andy does a tremendous job with … I've been around him for seven years as a coach and obviously as a player. So it goes back. It's not just him. It goes all the way back to my days in Green Bay with Mike Holmgren. A lot of the same structure is still in place today."

5 Numbers to know about red-hot Phillies bomber Hoskins

If you were at Citizens Bank Park on Tuesday night to see the Phillies skirt past the Marlins in the bottom of the 15th inning you were one of a very select few.

Rookie outfielder Nick Williams had his first walk off hit (after a ninth inning walk-off by Hyun Soo Kim was reviewed and called out at the plate), the Phillies posted 17 hits and their bullpen allowed just one run over the last 10 innings of the five hour dogfight.

But that's not what everyone is talking about after the Phillies' best game of the year.

Rhys Hoskins hit two homers in the game, upping his season total to 16. His second, a towering 413 foot shot to dead center tied the game in the bottom of the tenth inning, made him the fastest baseball player ever — 32 games — to hit 16 home runs.

"He's an alien," Williams said of Hoskins after midnight when the game ended. "He's not human. It's not real. It's crazy."

"This guy is unbelievable," Phillies manager Pete Mackanin said. "What a bonus he's been to our lineup."

Here are five numbers to know about Rhys Hoskins, the rookie revelation:

112

The number of at bats Hoskins has needed to reach 16 homers. The next closest in history was Babe Ruth with 368.

81

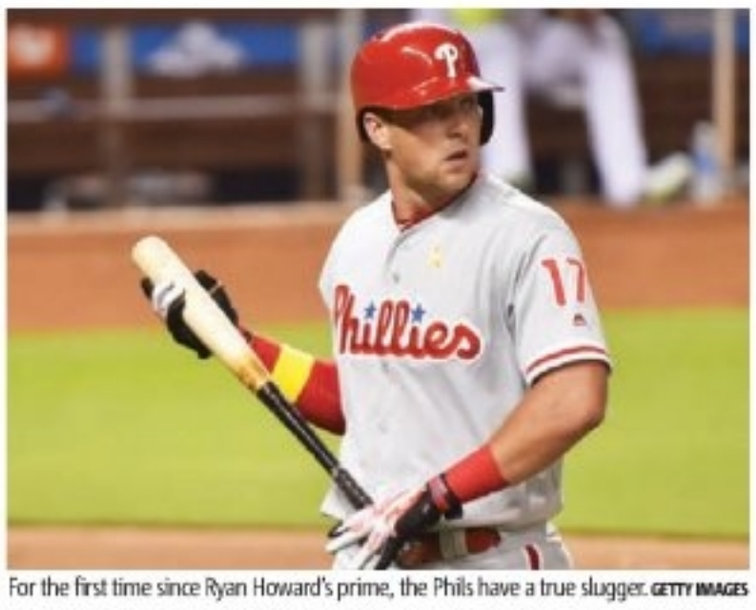
If Hoskins was able to play an entire 162 game schedule this season (he was called up in August) he is on pace for an MLB record-setting 81 homers and an eye-popping 172 RBIs.

21

Hoskins, who was called up on Aug. 10, has a real chance to lead the Phillies in home runs. Their current leader is Tommy Joseph, who has 21.

.754

Hoskins obviously leads the Phillies with a slugging percentage more than .200 points better than the next best plater Aaron Altherr. Giancarlo Stanton (who, granted, has had nearly five times as many at bats) leads the majors at .639.



For the first time since Ryan Howard's prime, the Phils have a true slugger. GETTY IMAGES

130

Unless he is shut down this week, Hoskins cannot come back and win the Rookie of the Year award with a strong 2018 season. If a baseball player has 130 at bats or appears in 45 games he loses his rookie status. As of Wednesday afternoon Hoskins was at 114 at bats and 32 games. EVAN MACY

Penn football preview: Quakers out to prove 'experts' wrong

UPenn kicks off their 2017 football season Saturday at Franklin Field.

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Despite owning a piece of the Ivy League title both seasons since Ray Priore replaced longtime Quaker coach Al Bagnoli, the so-called "experts" aren't convinced. They picked Penn for third in their annual preseason poll behind Harvard and defending co-champ Princeton, even though the Quakers return 14 starters, eight on defense.

But since departed quarterback Alek Torgersen isn't one of them, there's skepticism Priore and company can make it three in a row.

They don't mind.

"We've proven who we are on the field over the last two seasons," wide receiver All-America candidate Justin Watson said. "We've been picked third after back-to-back championships, and we love that. We're excited to get out on the field and prove it all once again."

The role of taking over for Torgersen, who was just signed to the Redskins' practice squad, has been up for grabs — until this week. Priore decided Will Fischer-Colbrie, who transferred from Colorado, will get the opening nod on Saturday against Ohio Dominican.

It was a touch decision in a three-way contest, but Priore made his decision and now the real planning can begin.

"Coach Priore is a phenomenal listener and has compiled a top-notch staff," Watson, who caught 89 passes for a school record 1,115 yards and eight TDs said. "He listens to the staff and listens to the leaders on the team and he incorporates everyone's opinions as much as possible. That's what makes us want to play for him."

The Ivy's top rusher, Tre Solomon will return (176 carries for 907 yards and nine touchdowns), along with defensive stalwarts Colton Moskal, (team-high 89 tackles) Sam Philippi and Louis Vecchio. But they'll have to go without Mason Williams, who transferred to Duke, taking his six interceptions with him.

The 2017 college football season begins Saturday against Ohio Dominican on Saturday at home. TWITTER.COM/PENNFB

Priore, who spent 28 years as a Penn assistant, including a decade as Bagnoli's lead assistant, says the Quakers will manage just fine without both him and Torgersen.

"We have some good experience and very good players returning at key positions," said Priore, whose club next heads to Lehigh, before opening defense of their Ivy title Sept. 29 vs. Dartmouth. "We're fortunate to have a strong core to build off."

Perhaps even strong enough to make it three-for-three and just maybe earn some long overdue respect?

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The Court has fixed courtdate, October 6, 2017 at 11:00 AM, in Room No. 691, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA for hearing. All persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.

CHANGE OF NAME NOTICE

Court of Common Pleas for the County of Philadelphia, August term, 2017, No. 832. Notice is hereby given that on August 21, 2017 the petition of Allie Jaime was filed, praying for a decree to change her name to Stevie-Allie Jaimes.

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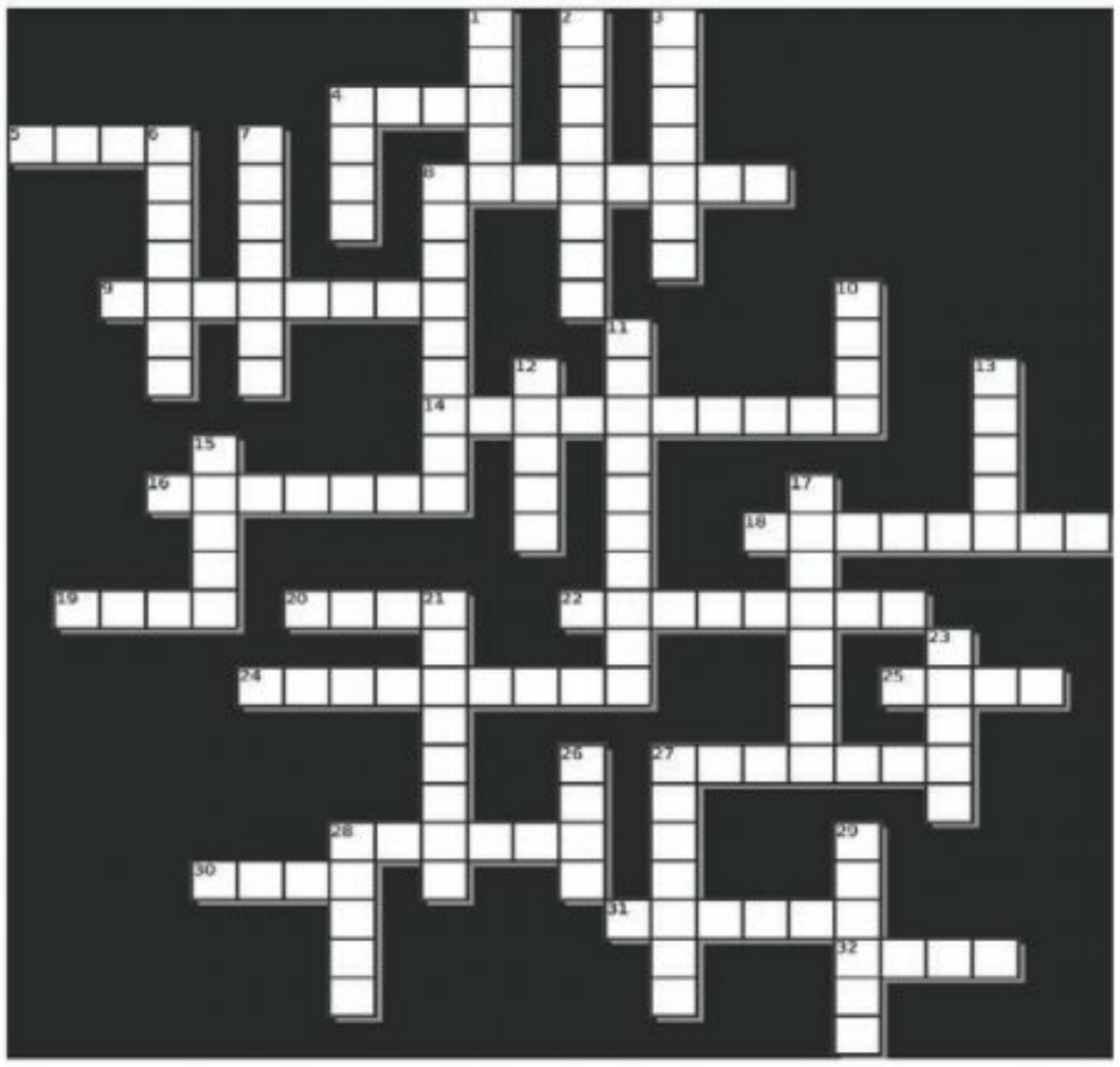

Across

4 How LOW can you go?
5 Don Giovanni ends up here
8 Yeah, that's right, I'm the Queen's birdcatcher
9 One of King Arthur's boys
14 Elaborate singing involving vocal runs, trills and leaps
16 What do you call a small Puccin
18 The words they're singing
19 Solo vocal performance in opera
20 First word in the Purcell opera considered the first English language masterwork.
22 Philly's most celebrated contralto, Marian_____
24 Insect in the title of an Italian opera set in Japan
25 Highest term of respect for a female singer
27 Beethoven's only opera
28 Where do you get your hair cut in Seville
30 What the valkyries do in this piece made famous in Apocalypse Now
31 Name the composer of the Ring Cycle
32 Funny brothers who spent a night at the opera

Down

1 Mario Cavaradossi is the hero in this opera
2 HBO program about organized criminals, singing in higher ranges
3 He sure wasn't Amadeus!
4 Female lead in Gershwin's most famous opera
6 Last name of Lucky and first name of one of the three tenors
7 Realistic style of opera that started in Italy at the end of the nineteenth century
8 Sad clown
10 Verdi opera set in Egypt
11 An opera worth slightly more than two cents
12 Mozart's MAGIC instrument
13 Gounod gone Goethe
15 An opera that's comic, but also a vampira slaya
17 Verdi Schmerdi, just call me _____
21 Most (all?) operas begin with this
23 John Adams opera about this U.S. President's trip to China
26 Composer of Wozzeck
27 Ain't over until she sings
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